[President.]

(*b*) Is it proposed to supersede Mr. Srinivasa Rao in filling the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr. P. P. Kurien B. A., Division Assistant, Perumpavur?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

Change of Railway Timings.

150. MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that two motor buses are running four times daily between Quilon and Trivandrum carrying on an average one hundred passengers who pay a charge of Re. 1 per head?

(*b*) Will it not be possible for the Government to negotiate with the railway authorities to change the timings of the first or the second shuttle train from Quilon to about 9 A. M., so that passengers arriving at Quilon by steam boats might take train to Trivandrum rather than travel in buses, and thereby increase the railway revenue?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) There is a motor service between Quilon and Trivandrum.

(*b*) The attention of the railway authorities will be drawn to the suggestion.

Extension of Service to Mr. R. Viraraghava Aiyangar.

151. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to give an assurance that they will not give any extension of service to Rao Bahadur R. Viraraghava Aiyangar, Chief Justice?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government are unable to give any kind of assurance.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state why they are unable to give an assurance in the matter?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): For the obvious reason that the appointment of the Chief Justice is one of the two appointments made direct by His Highness the Maha Raja.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Has he applied for any extension?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That does not arise.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Do the Government propose to give an extension to him?

PRESIDENT: That has already been answered.

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MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I want to know whether he has applied for extension.

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, I doubt whether it is a supplementary question.

PRESIDENT: I think it is.

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Then my answer is that he has not applied.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to the Legislative Council*): Question No. 181 (*152*).

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I have not finished; I want to ask another question.

In case extension is not given to the Chief Justice, do the Government intend importing an outsider?

PRESIDENT: That does not arise.

Law Officers of Government.

152. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Are the Government aware that there is a strong feeling in the country because the Head Sirkar Vakil, the Additional Head Sirkar Vakil, and their Assistants, all belong to one community?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government are not aware.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): If the Government are not aware, let me assure them that there is a strong feeling in the country.

PRESIDENT: That is not a question. (*Laughter.*)

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Are the Government aware that all the above-mentioned officers belong to one community?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is implied in the question itself.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Do they not see that it is a matter of injustice done to other communities?

PRESIDENT: I am afraid that question must be disallowed, because it carries an insinuation with it.

Non-Brahmin Hindu Officers and the Education Department.

153. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Are the Government aware that for some years past Nair and other non-Brahmin Hindu officers have not been receiving adequate encouragement in the Education Department?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative.

Purchase of Foreign Articles for Government Use.

154. MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur cum Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to furnish a statement of the quantity of foreign articles purchased from India and outside, for the use of the various departments of the State, together with the total amount spent by each department for the purchase thereof?

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